Food and Civil Supplies positions In Bombay, Delhi, Madras, Calcutta and Hyderabad

323. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV;

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased t state:

(a) what is the food and Civil Supplies position in Bombay, Delhi, Madras, Calcutta and Hyderabad;

(b) what is the demand from Maharashtra Government for the requirement of Bombay for various food and other commodities;

(c) what steps Government have taken in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c) Allocation of PDS items from the Central Pool is made to the State as a whole. It is th$_e$ re=pon-sibility of the States to distribute these item$_s$ to various districts/cities within the State, taking into account their relative requirements.

Agriculture as an Industry

324. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state**:**

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to treat Agriculture as an industry;

(b) whether Government propose to give remunerative prices to agricultural commodities in different parts of the country; and

(c) if so, what is the time limit for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a)' No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government is already fixing remunerative procurement /minimum support prices for major agricultural commodities. The Government decide on these prices taking into account the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices, the views of the State Governments and Central Ministries.

Rise in prices of milk and milk products

325. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE b$_e$ pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have increased the prices of DMS Milk and its milk products recently; and

(b) if so, the extent of rise in each cas$_e$ and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The sale prices of Delhi Milk Scheme (DMS) Toned milk and milk products were revised as pe$_r$ details given below. The Toned milk prices were increased with effect from 30-12-1988 and those of milk products (Ghee/Butter) with/ effect from 21-12-1988.